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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1874.

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[PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.]

Arrivals.

Sept. 1, OLYMPIA, German str., 777, P. P. Grey, Shanghai 27th August, General Siemens & Co.
Sept. 1, DENMARK, Siam bark, 380, Bloombury, put back.
Sept. 1, YANGTSE, British str., 782, Canton 1st September, General—Siemens & Co.

Departures.

Sept. 1, OLYMPIA, str., for Canton.
Sept. 1, DIOMEDE, str., for Shanghai.

Clearances.

At THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
September 1st.
Diomed, str., for Shanghai.
Olympia, str., for Canton.
The Wolf, for Newchwang.
Enterprise, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

Part Enterprise, for Bangkok.
20 Chinese.

Report.

The Siamese bark Diomed reports put back on 1st August. Had heavy weather of Land Point, and a heavy sea and squalls from the E.N.E.

Vessels Exported at Hongkong.

Vessel's Name.	Port of Call.	Date.
Diamond	Chittagong	Aug. 15
Aldandro	New York	Feb. 10
François	Shibata	Feb. 19
Arcan	London	Mar. 3
Cleopatra	Pernambuco	April 8
Northern American	Liverpool	April 19
Sir Harry Parks	London	May 10
W. G. Platten	Cardiff	May 15
Emperador Tudor	Cardiff	May 20
Engenio	Cardiff	June 2
Hopewell	London	June 4
Kingfisher Castle	London	June 13
Carneja	Cuxhaven	June 15
Maria	Penarit	June 15
Stefano	Penarit	June 26
Lord Macaulay	Liverpool	June 28
Oceanus	Falmouth	June 28
Hasilson	Quadrifoglio	June 29
Chimanian	London	July 10
Brama	New York	July 10
Fuentays	London	July 13
Harriet Bahn	Hamburg	July 17
Paris (str.)	London	July 18

Auction Sales To-day.

None.
THE SWISS LLOYD'S TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY, WINTERTHUR. Capital Co-takers with French Lloyd, Paris, Frs. 7,000,000 AND WITH French Company, Paris, 5,000,000.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on Marine Risks to all parts of the World at Current Rates, allowing usual Brokerage.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

ly 1043 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

at 1800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER, AND CANTON.

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at 1174 25th June, 1872.

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H. H. KEE.

1972 Hongkong, 13th May, 1874.

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DIRECTORS: Hon. F. H. HALE, M.L.C. Chairman.

Hon. A. B. BROWN, M.L.A.

Hon. THOS. MILWAUGH, M.L.A.

ADMIRALS: FREDERICK ORME DARWALL, Esq.

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MARYBOROUGH.

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TO LET.

WITH Possession on the 1st of March.

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AT THE PEAK.THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAGS
(Designed especially for this Work),
MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN,
THE CASTLE OF CHINA;AND THE
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IN HONGKONG.

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HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1874.

The protest which was made by the Hon. Mr. Whitfall in Council, on Monday, concerning the storage of large quantities of powder at Kelley's Island, will undoubtedly meet with the general sympathy of the community. It seems something simply astounding that any right can possibly exist to store gunpowder in large quantities in close proximity to property of immense value, and where there are numbers whose lives would be endangered by an accident, and to refuse to give any information with regard to it. We do not doubt for a single moment that the military authorities in the Colony are quite infallible, but if we lived anywhere in the neighbourhood of Kelley's Island we should very much like to have an opportunity of verifying this theory, however natural it may be to form it upon abstract grounds, in view of the excellent management which has invariably been shown to attach to all matters connected with the Army. Nor do we wish to deny that the Colony of Hongkong is made for the troops, and not the troops for Hongkong. What are a few merehalls or one or two little houses like those at East Point compared with the gigantic importance of the five or six hundred troops stationed on the island? It is obvious that any considerations but those of military convenience are beside the question, and if the residents are put out in any way they can easily leave the Colony, which will quite fulfil its destiny so long as it is the site of barracks and naval depots.

Admitting all this, however, we certainly agree with Mr. Whitfall that the answer given to his question was unsatisfactory. Indeed, not being shackled by the etiquette of Legislative Councils, we should be disposed to say that it is something more. It is at the least something supercilious to refuse an answer to a question which, as the representative of a house owning very valuable property in the immediate neighbourhood, and as a resident there, Mr. Whitfall very naturally asked. If there were any possibility that some important military measure would be frustrated by giving the information, the refusal to do so must be easily understood, but as it is not to be supposed that the military authorities have any idea of exploding a mine in the particular place, if they can help it, it is beyond civilian capacity to guess what reason there may be for reticence except that shrewdly divined by Mr. Whitfall, that there is more powder than they care to speak of. If such is the case, the more reason for a protest being made in the matter.

The answer on the subject given by H.E. the GOVERNOR that a protest should have been made at the time the Magazine was commenced clearly fails to meet the case. It was natural to suppose that only a moderate quantity of powder would be stored in such close proximity to the Colony, and until there was reason to believe that a dangerously large quantity had been stored in the Magazine there was no ground for entering a protest. Latterly it seems that there has been some reason to come to this conclusion, and the protest is, therefore, perfectly reasonable, failing an answer to the question as to what quantity of gunpowder is placed in the Magazine. Unless there is some rule which places the military beyond the pale of all law in the place, the question ought surely to have been met in a more reasonable and more conciliatory spirit. People who "want to know, you know" have always been unpopular with those connected with the Government or the Services—but when a man sees a possibility of an explosion such as may scatter him, his family, his employs, his house, godown, and worldly goods to the four winds of Heaven, he may perhaps be excused even for being guilty of the hideous offence of "wanting to know." At least a little more concern, and perhaps a little more conciliatory, might be evinced than are displayed in the despatch of "the Military Authorities." We have heard of the

rather vulgar but expressive answer: "You be blown"—but the Hon. Mr. Whitfall is probably the first member of Council who has received the reply: "You be blown up."

MEETING OF THE JUSTICES.

A meeting of the Justices was held yesterday, at the Magistracy, at 11 a.m. Present O. May, Esq. (in the chair), James Russell, Esq., W. M. Deane, Esq., and Mr. Tomcock, Esq. The object was to consider the advisability of transferring the license of houses "Liverpool Arms" and "British Crown."

Mr. Mariano Fernandez applied to have his license of the "Liverpool Arms" transferred to Jose de Souza. The applicant was told that he had had three licenses, and would not be allowed to trade any more in spirituous liquors. The transfer was refused.

The application of Louis M. Lobo for the transfer of his license of the "British Crown" tavern was then considered. J. C. de Medina, to whom it was to be transferred, having been known to have only held one license, namely, that of the "Royal Oak," and the police having no objection, the transfer was granted.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

1st September.

BEFORE JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.

HOUSEKEEPER OF THE BRITISH SPHERE.

A widow woman, named Wong Asing, charged a coolie named Tsoi Akin, with forcibly entering her house No. 31, Wing-on-street, and stealing some clothing from her room, at 9 p.m. on the 21st ultime.

Complainant said that on the 18th August he found and his blind mother and himself

were up in the house, and that he had written to the police to inquire if he could go in to search the house. He was shown, on the 20th ultime, a number of photographs.

He picked out one (produced) and it was the likeness of one of the armed men he had seen on board the Sphere. On his arrival in Hongkong on the 21st instant he went to the Victoria Gap, where he saw a number of men armeng in line, and it was told to him that the men were British sailors.

The complainant mentioned to the police

that he had got the first prisoner sent to him,

and received a reply on the same day, stating that more men would be sent. But no more were sent, and no extra exertions made to complete the work. I asked Mr. Paulsen several times why he did not send more men, and he said

that he could not get any more men. On the 1st June, I wrote another letter to the Company. (Letter produced) and asked for the replacement of the first prisoner sent to me. I got an answer to that letter, but Mr. Dusana himself came on board, and seeing that the reports were commenced at once. On the 23rd May, I wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Company, Mr. Dunstan, (Letter read) it was to the effect that we were getting on well, and that we should be able to do the work required, and told them to transfer it to us.

The Duke Company were the last to tender.

It was the lowest tender, so I accepted it.

I told Mr. Paulsen, the Company's agent

who came on board, that the work must be done by the 1st June, and that nothing must be done before that date.

The work was taken in dock.

The amount was \$4,400, and the work was to be completed by the 1st June.

The tender was signed on the 12th May, and I

received a reply on the same day, stating that more men would be sent. But no more were sent, and no extra exertions made to complete the work.

On the 23rd May, I again wrote to the Company.

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